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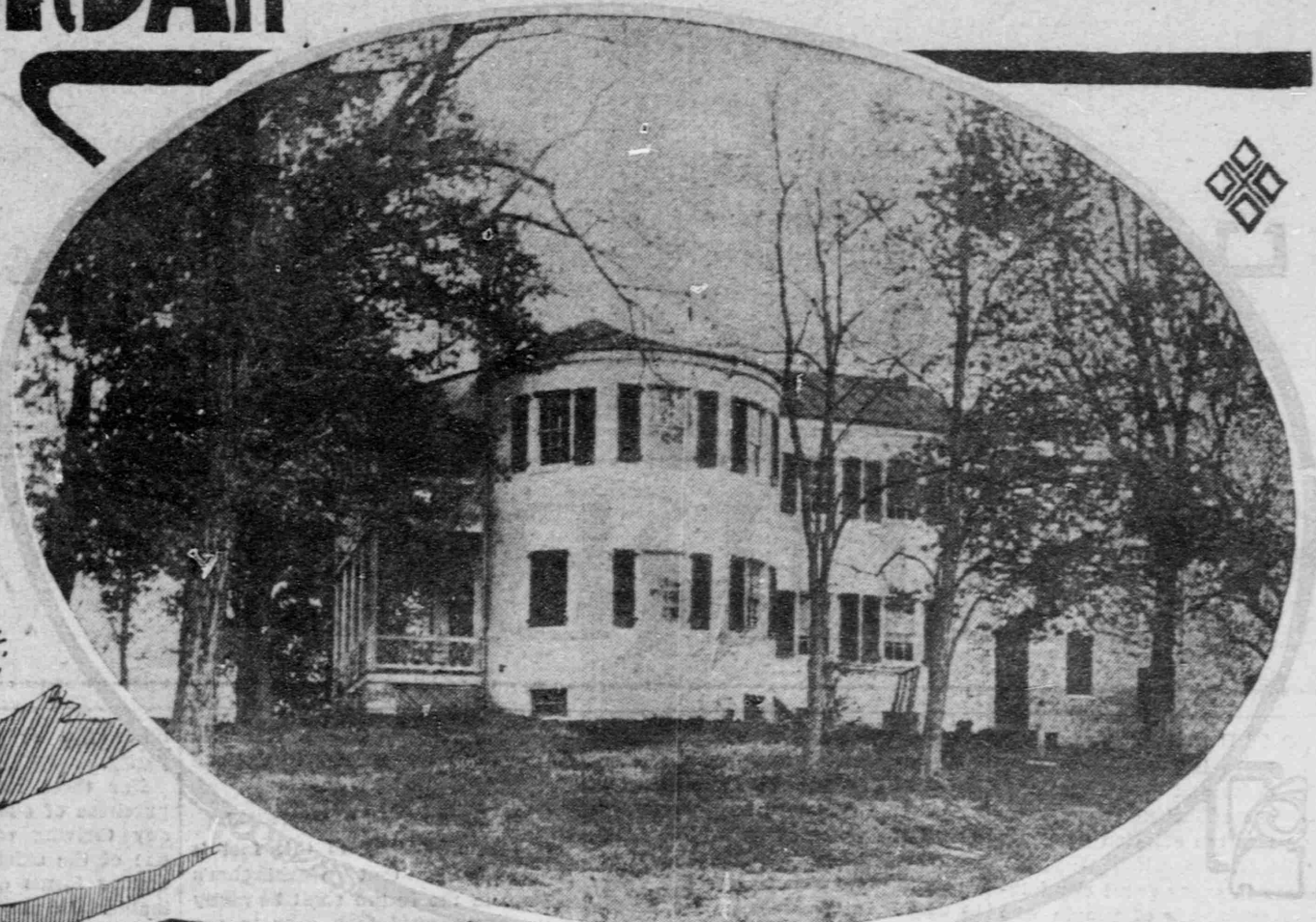
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FORTUNE FAVORS THE SUBURBAN PROPERTY OWNER



HOME OF O. T. UPDIKE
NEAR E. FALLS
CHURCH, VA.



AN OLD COLONIAL HOME
NEAR WASHINGTON



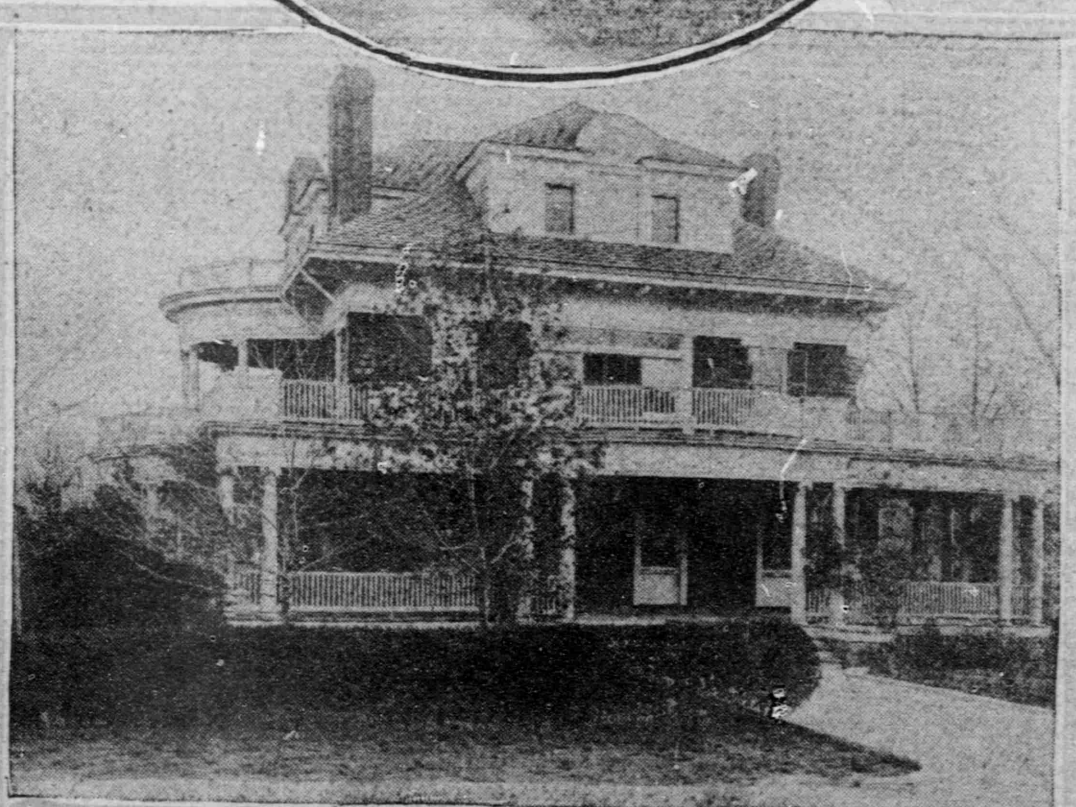
HOME OF
H. P. SIMPSON
LIVINGSTONE HEIGHTS



A PRETTY HOME
ON THE CITY AND
SUBURBAN LINE



HOME OF
JUDGE S. S. YODER
BERWYN HEIGHTS, MD.



HOME OF MRS. AARON FRENCH, CLEVELAND PARK

IN MANY ways fortune favors the Washington suburban property owner. From the material standpoint, there is no safer form of investment, nor is there one which offers better prospects of profitable returns by enhancement of values. But there is another side to the subject of suburban property owning which is even more important than that of financial gain. It is that of personal comfort and pleasure.

It is only in suburban districts or in the country proper that a man can have a home in the truest sense of the word. Flats, apartments, and cramped dwellings, while necessary in all thriving communities, nevertheless afford only an abnormal shelter for a family. Children can enjoy their youth and men can have restful ease after business hours only where they can have plenty of sunshine and fresh air; where they will be removed from the noise and turmoil of the city, and the dust of traffic.

Such are the advantages, aside from the minimized cost of land, which induce an ever-increasing number of Washingtonians to move beyond the commercial center every year.

This hieira to the pleasant localities surrounding Washington, away from the congested sections of the city, is a movement indicative of the fact that the citizens of the Capital have awakened to the realization that life is really worth living when we live properly.

Several of the representative suburban homes in the vicinity of Washington are shown on this page. The home of H. P. Simpson, on Livingstone Heights, is a commodious frame structure which has been erected within the past few months. It is located in a very desirable suburb, on the western side of the Potomac, about three miles above the Aqueduct bridge. It is in a neighborhood that seems destined within a short time to rival the most exclusive suburban sections to the northwest.

Out to the northeast, ten or twelve miles from the city, is the old colonial home which is shown in the upper right-hand corner of the page. This place is surrounded by a magnificent farm of many acres. At one time General Grant was very anxious to secure the property as a suburban home, but the owner in those days was unwilling to part with it. It has many of the advantages which go to make up an ideal country home, and the picturesque residence is constructed upon genuine colonial lines of architecture. The demand for property such as this is rapidly increasing among residents of the District who are anxious to renounce the strenuous life and devote their time to the more leisurely occupation of farming. Many homes of this character are being purchased by the wealthier citizens as country places, where the owners may indulge in bucolic fancies.

The home of Judge S. S. Yoder, on Berwyn Heights, while not a pretentious suburban structure, is one of the most picturesque places around Washington. The residence crowns a lofty elevation overlooking many miles of fertile Maryland farm land. It nestles in a veritable bower of shade trees, and the shrubbery around the place is luxuriant. Numerous giant lilac bushes, which at this season of the year are huge masses of purple blossoms, laden the air with their fragrance. The house itself is large, and is in a suburban section in which sites are being secured at this time for many attractive residences.

The home of Mrs. Aaron French, in Cleveland Park, is one of the most artistic places in that notable suburban section. The architectural design is simple and at the same time most effective. The grounds are not large, but excellent use has been made of the material at hand. This home is a typical residence in one of Washington's more exclusive suburban sections. Residents in such suburbs have all the advantages of city life, with practically none of its inconveniences. This artistic home is surrounded by many residences with similar attractive features. There are many social pleasures at Cleveland Park and in sections of a like character.

Another picturesque home which may be classed as a country place is the residence of O. T. Updike, located a few miles from East Falls Church, Va. This property is surrounded by a farm of some thirteen acres and has a number of fruit trees. The illustration gives some idea of the natural beauty of the spot, and of the great oaks, which make it a most delightful retreat during the summer months. There are many homes of a similar character throughout the section of Virginia lying to the west of Washington, and within a radius of from ten to twelve miles. For a number of years this area has been looked upon as the heart of the farming section of Virginia, and it is only very recently that real estate men have turned their attention to it as desirable for retreats of men who are anxious to get away from the cares of city life.

There are few more attractive sections around Washington than that through which the City and Suburban Electric Railway line runs. This territory has developed to a remarkable extent within the past two or three years, as may be seen by the number of commodious homes that are being erected at the various little settlements between the District line and Beltsville. One of the pretty modern homes along this line is shown on this page. This residence is not a costly structure, nor is there any pretense at ornateness of architectural design. It is a representative home of a Washington suburbanite. The lawn is well kept, the barn is in excellent repair, the rear fences are neatly whitewashed, and in every direction there is an air of thrift and comfort. The sum expended by the owner in beautifying his surroundings could not have been very great, and yet the result is most pleasing. Such homes are a great stimulus to the citizen of the District who longs for a country home, but feels that such comfort as are afforded by suburban life are beyond his reach.